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ADDENDUM No. 1

College Hill Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project RFP No. RM-04-930

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From: Stephanie Suter

RE: Addendum No. 01 – College Hill Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project

The questions and comments listed below were generated after the Pre-Bid Conference that was held Thursday, October 14, 2004.

1. Regarding “Design to Budget” – Recent history related to volatile steel prices in the first quarter of 2004 has exemplified that there are pricing issues that are beyond control of the engineer. These commodity fluctuations can certainly affect prices between the time that an opinion of cost is developed and bid time. While an engineer can be conservative in addressing these things, this may in fact inflate estimating and un-necessarily minimize the scope of a project. Accepting liability for bid prices and being required to pay for additional engineering, when bid prices may be outside of the control of the engineer is a difficult risk to accept, if not qualified in some way.

Will Lynchburg accept exceptions or negotiate qualifications to the “design to budget” approach they are requesting?

Answer: The “Design to Budget” provision is a part of the City’s standard consulting contract. However, the City recognizes that volatile materials conditions exist that are beyond the control of the Engineer. The successful firm will be required to document original cost estimates for such materials known to have such volatility i.e., steel, concrete etc. and be prepared to substantiate construction cost overruns as being caused by volatile material costs. The City will only enforce the design to budget provision as a result of Engineers negligence or failure to properly document its cost estimate.

2. Part IV article H indicates the scope will include only Construction Administration services. However, Part VI, article a. indicates that qualifications and experience for construction inspectors should be included. Is it the intent of the City to request services for construction observation?

Answer: Proposals for services related to construction observation (resident project representative) are not requested at this time.

3. Can the City indicate the method of hydraulic control for the filter effluent main? In other words, since the filters are on the top floor of the facility and there is a long vertical drop from the filters to the ground, what valve, reservoir or tank in the system controls the water level or pressure in the filter effluent line and where is that grade relative to the water level in the filters?

Answer: The rate of flow from each filter is controlled individually. There are no flow controls for the filter effluent main piping. Filter effluent flows by gravity to a 1.4 million gallon steel chlorine contact tank. The water level in the contract tank is only a few feet lower than the filter water level.

4. Can interested parties visit the plant again prior to the proposal date?

Answer: Appointments for additional visits may be arranged by contacting William S. (Steve) Shenk, P.E. at (434) 455-4247.

5. Note that in Part V for proposal preparations there is no letter "D". We intend to letter the section numbers from A thru G, consecutively. Is that acceptable?

Answer: Yes.

READ TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SIGN

In compliance with the above solicitation, and subject to all the conditions hereof, the undersigned offers and agrees to comply with any or all of the terms and conditions contained herein, or as mutually agreed upon by subsequent negotiations. This addenda shall become part of the final contract.

Company Name:_____ **Address:**_____ **Date:**_____

Authorized Signature:_____ **Title:**_____

Print Name:_____ **Telephone No.:**_____ **Fax No.:**_____